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MEETING AND EXFILTRATION

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1. DEPT RECOGNIZES THAT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS ALREADY
BEEN MADE TO DEVELOP REPLIES TO SOVIET ALLEGATIONS
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CONCERNING FRG INTERIOR COMMITTEE MEETING AND EXFILTRA-

TION. WE DO NOT WANT TO INTERPOSE DIFFICULTIES OR ASK OUR ALLIES TO UNDO ANYTHING WHICH IS CONSIDERED AS HAVING BEEN FIRMLY AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES. HOWEVER, GIVEN LENGTH OF TIME WHICH HAS EVOLVED SINCE SOVIET COMPLAINT WE QUESTION NEED TO ANSWER AT ALL. IF SOME ANSWER IS DEEMED DESIRABLE, WE THINK THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE FOR ALLIED REP TO GIVE SINGLE ORAL RESPONSE TO BOTH SOVIET COMPLAINTS INSTEAD OF ONE WRITTEN AND ONE ORAL RESPONSE OUTLINED REFS A AND ?. AT MBASSYS DISCRETION WE THEREFORE FAVOR HAVING US REP TABLE DRAFT ORAL RESPONSE PARA 3 BELOW FOR CONSIDERATION BY BONN GROUP. IN SO DOING, HE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE BELIEVE ORAL RESPONSE PREFERABLE PRECISELY BECAUSE IT LENDS LESS DIGNITY TO SOVIET OBJECTIONS, AND CAN BE MORE GENERALIZED IN IT FORMULATION. IT MAY ALSO BE THAT FRENCH WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH ORAL PRESENTATION AS COMPROMISE BETWEEN MAKING EITHER WRITTEN RESPONSE OR NO RESPONSE AT ALL.

2. IF OTHERS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO FORM OF RESPONSES OUTLINED REFS A AND B, WE WILL BE WILLING TO GO ALONG PROVIDED LANGUAGE IS ALTERED TO CORRESPOND MORE TO THAT OF OUR PROPOSED DRAFT ORAL RESPONSE. WE BELIEVE THE RESPONSE SHOULD BE GENERAL AND AVOID REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC TOPICS CONSIDERED AT THE FRG INTERIOR COMMITTEE MEETING. IN OUR OPINION, THE RESPONSE ON EXFILTRATION SHOULD AVOID REFERENCE TO THE FRG AND GDR HAVING EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFINING MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES.

3. PROPOSED TEXT FOR ORAL RESPONSE ON INTERIOR COMMITTEE MEETING AND EXFILTRATION: BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE I AM REPLYING ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES TO WHAT YOU SAID ON SEPTEMBER 29 ABOUT THE MEETING IN THE WSB OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BUNDESTAG. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE QA AND ITS RELATED DOCUMENTS. THE THREE ALLIES HAVE EXAMINED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING AND HAVE SATISFIED THEMSELVES ON THIS POINT. WITH REGARD TO YOUR ALLEGATION OF ALLIED INACTION ON THE QUESTION OF EXFILTRATION I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE QUESTION OF MISUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE TRANSIT ROUTES IS ONE WHICH THE FRG AND GDR AS PARTIES TO THE TTA SHOULD, IN AT LEAST THE FIRST INSTANCE, ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT. THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE, ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR SCRUPULOUS ADHERENCE TO THE QA AND ARE COUNTING ON THE SOVIETS TO DEPORT THEMSELVES SIMILARLY. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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